

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0354A
Kazuyuki YAMANE et al. : **Confirmation No. 7141**
Serial No. 10/573,565 : Group Art Unit 1744
Filed March 27, 2006 : Examiner John P. Robitaille
METHOD FOR PRODUCING : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**
MULTILAYER STRETCH-MOLDED
ARTICLE

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 28, 2010, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Thus, the rejection of claims 1-5, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawakami et al. (US 5,853,639, hereinafter "Kawakami") in view of Shiiki et al. (US 6,245,437, hereinafter "Shiiki") in view of non-patent literature titled "Polymers.htm" is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner alleges in item 3 on page 2 of the Office Action that Kawakami teaches a process for producing a transparent multilayer stretched product comprising: providing a resin laminate including at least one layer of polyglycolic acid (PGA) resin, heat-forming and cooling the resin laminate, reheating the laminate to a temperature of Tc1 (crystallization temperature in the course of increasing the temperature) until the PGA resin layer is crystallized, and then stretching the re-heated resin laminate.

However, a reading of Kawakami at column 4, lines 15-25 cited by the Examiner reveals that Kawakami merely teaches a stretching temperature in a range of Tg (glass transition